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APPARATUS HAVING SELF SCANNING FUNCTION AND POS SYSTEM**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231   January 31, 1997

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents

listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The references were previously cited in the grandparent

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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